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Swan Island Dahlias

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CANBY, OREGON

MINIATURE DECORATIVE AND WATERLILY DAHLIAS

For cutflowers and all 'round satisfactory performance in your garden, these types are unsurpassed. WATERLILY DAHLIAS ARE MINIATURE DECORATIVE TYPES WHICH HAVE SOMEWHAT THE APPEARANCE OF WATERLILIES, AND TEND TO CUP AND CLOSE AT NIGHT. CULTURE IS IDENTICAL WITH ALL OTHER DAHLIAS. All the varieties offered here are fine cutflowers and at least several should be in every garden. Flowers are about twice the size as shown in the picture, and one plant may bear up to several hundred blooms in one season.



MELODY. Orchid. • GLORY OF HEEMSTEDE. Yellow.
GOLDEN LEADER. Gold. • GERRY HOEK. Pink. • IKE. Red.

ENTIRE COLLECTION \$250

OF THE ABOVE 5 CUT FLOWER DAHLIAS (Reg. value \$3.00)

- FAIRY.** Soft pink. 5' to 6'. \$.50
FLORIST. Excellent little cutflower. Pure lilac. 4' to 5'. New from Holland. . . 1.00
GERRY HOEK. Rich pink with slight yellow shadings at the center. By far the most popular cutflower dahlia of any type ever grown. A very profuse blooming dahlia with long, strong stems holding the flowers erect. Everything about this dahlia is outstanding and we cannot recommend it too highly. See illustration. 6'. Waterlily type50
GIMPEL. A very unusual "freak" flower much admired and ordered in our garden. The color is a blend of red, pink, and white with the predominating color varying even on the same bush. 5'.50
GLORY OF HEEMSTEDE. This clear bright yellow waterlily is the best addition to this class for several years. The flowers are held very upright on cane-like stems. Sometimes has semi-double flowers. See illustration. 6'.75
GOLDEN LEADER. A pure gold which will last for days when cut, even in the hottest weather. Can be grown to 6" to 7" diameter if disbudded. See illustration. 4' to 5'.75
HELLY BOUDEWIJN. An early blooming pure white in the waterlily type. Tall 6' bushes are covered with blooms all season long. Sometimes comes semi-double late in the season.50
HONSHU SCARLET. Bright fiery scarlet red contrasting strikingly with a rather dark green foliage. 4'.50
IKE. Free blooming blood red. Long stems. 6'. Illustrated.50
JOKE. Dark red and white. Petals recurve to stem. 3'.50
KATHIE M. Old rose and cream. 4'. . . .50
LILY BELLE. Very delicate light satin pink. Good keeper. 4'.50
LITTLE SISTER. Bright red with white tips. 5' to 6'.50
MELODY. Delicate rosy lavender. Low 3' bush with hundreds of blooms. Illustrated.50
MOUNTAIN SUNSET. Fiery orange red. 4' bush.50
ORCHID LADY. Beautiful orchid shade. Profuse bloomer. 4'.50
PURPLE QUEEN. Rich royal purple uniformly tipped white. 3'.50
RED MICKEY ROONEY. A rich deep red waterlily type which produces an amazing number of flowers, the 5' bush being simply covered all season. Early blooming.1.00
SATSU. Cherry red, almost ball shaped. 5'.50
SPIRIT. Maroon and white bi-color. Very attractive. 4'.50
SPRINGHILL ROSE. American Beauty rose-red. Tall 6' bush covered with blooms. One of the finest garden plants. .50
SUNNY. Rich golden yellow. 4' bush with many flowers.50
THE WIZARD. Small very formal purple evenly tipped white. A sure eye-catcher. Highly recommended for those who like bi-color dahlias. 4'.50
WHITE FAWN. Best pure white miniature. Blue ribbon winner. Sturdy 3' bush with good stems and loads of flowers.

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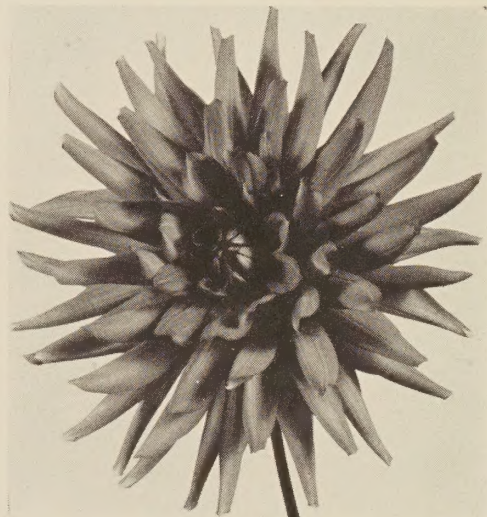
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CORAL PEACH. Peach
KINSUI. Yellow
HOEK'S GLORY. Lilac rose
DIVA. Pure lilac
ST. THERESE. Light pink
TERPO. Bright red

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1. All bulbs are fully guaranteed to be true to name and free from disease and any which prove otherwise will be replaced cheerfully upon return.
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MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER



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7 PRIZE-WINNING CACTUS DAHLIAS

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ONE EACH OF THE SEVEN
VARIETIES PICTURED HERE

- AMBER STAR
- PRIG
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- MUSTANG
- RIESENWUNDER
- THE CARDINAL
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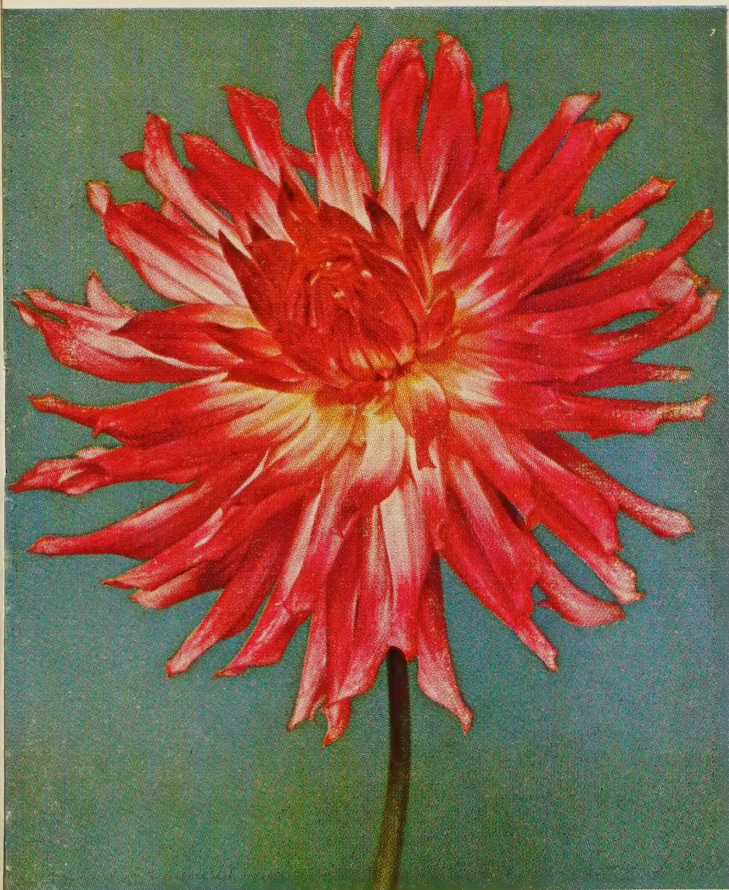
WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS



AMBER STAR



THE CARDINAL



RISENWUNDER (above)



MUSTANG (right)

Selected CACTUS DAHLIAS

SC—Semi-Cactus; StC—Straight Cactus; IC—Incurved Cactus. A—8" and over; B—4" to 8".

Our own personal favorites! We believe them to be more beautiful than any other flower. Select several for a most outstanding garden this summer and fall. Ideal for the yard, exhibition, and bouquets in the home.

ABBOTT (B StC). 6" rich crimson. 4' bush. See illustration on opposite page.	\$1.00
AMBER STAR (B to A StC). 8" pure amber. Grand Sweepstakes winner 1953 Oregon State Fair. 5'. See illustration preceding page75
AMI LOUIS BLIN (A SC). Deep velvety red. Extremely popular dahlia. Stock limited. 5'.....	1.00
ARISTOCRAT (B StC). 5" glowing red. Very spiny appearance. Good cutflower. 6'.....	.75
ATOMIC (B IC). 6" white cutflower with delicate lilac shading in cool or rainy weather. Stately 6' bush, fine stems.....	.75
BACCHUS (B SC). 5" blood red flowers on one of the longest stems in dahliadom. We consider this the best new red cactus for cutting in many years. 5'. Blue ribbon winner in its color and class	1.50
BLYHEID (B SC). 5" scarlet red on excellent stems. Outstanding for arrangements. 5' bush.....	.75
BROTHER JUSTINUS (B SC). 6" orange yellow with golden center. Low 3' bush with many flowers makes it ideal for bedding.75
CASPER LUDWIG'S MEMORY (A StC). 8" deep blood red with long stiff stems. Flowers are held erect making it ideal for basket arrangements. 6' bush. Blue ribbon winner.....	1.00
CORAL PEACH (B StC). 5" coral peach shade. Very heavy bloomer on 5' bush. Early.....	.75
CORONA (B SC). Apricot yellow with golden center. One of our favorite new dahlias. 5' bush.....	1.00
DIVA (A IC). 10" pure lilac. A real addition to this color and class. Blue ribbon winner in many shows. 5' to 6'.....	1.50
DUTCH SALMON PINK (B StC). 6" salmon pink on 4' bush. Early blooming and a mass of flowers all season long.....	.50
FAIR MAID (B to A StC). 8" coral pink with golden hue. We think this is one of the loveliest flowers in our garden. 6' bush.	1.00
FAITHFUL (A SC). 10" to 12" pure white blooms on exceptionally rugged 6' bush. One of the largest cactus dahlias.75
FIDUCIE (B StC). 6" autumn bronze shade. Free bloomer on 4' bush.50
FINESSE ANVERSOISE (B StC) 6" light creamy yellow, almost chartreuse. Very spiny petals making it ideal for decoration. 5'.	1.00
FRANCES S (B to A StC) 7" to 9" fuchsia rose deepening to a rich glowing center. Best "A" Size Advanced Amateur Class, 1954 Portland Dahlia Society Show. 5' bush.....	2.00
GIANT OF BAARN (A IC). 10" to 12" outstanding new giant from Holland. Huge flowers have a good form and a bright vermilion red color with salmon hue. Long stems with flowers carried well above the foliage. Very free flowering for such a large dahlia. 6' bush.....	2.50
GIANT SPIDER (A StC). 10" very spidery bright carmine with some salmon. One of the most striking dahlias for arrangements. Sure to please. 5' bush.....	1.00
GOOD MORNING (B StC). 6" pure pink of exceptional quality. Unsurpassed for cutting and arranging. One of our best new cutflowers. 5' bush. Medal winner 1954.....	1.00
GUNYAH GLORY (A SC). 10" deep glistening purple. 1953 Challenge Cup Winner in Holland. Long perfect stems and beautiful form. 6'.....	2.50
HESTIA (B StC). 5" peach cutflower on 5' bush. See illustration on opposite page.....	.75
HOEK'S GLORY (B to A StC). 8" incurved lilac rose. Looks like a huge spider mum. Outstanding. 6' bush.....	1.00
HYLAS (B SC). 6" salmon red with some gold in the center. Ideal flower formation and deep green foliage. 5' bush.....	.75
INSPECTOR GENERAL TOUSSAINT (A IC). 10" blood red on 4' bush. One of the nicest.....	1.00
JERSEY DAINTY (B StC). 6" to 8" pure white cactus. Ideal for florist work or exhibition. 5' bush.....	.50
KINSUI (A SC). Huge 10" to 12" yellow on sturdy 4' bush. Beautiful garden plant.....	.75
MARY TAYLOR (B to A StC). 8" taffy yellow suffused phlox pink. A very lacy and delicate dahlia good for cutting. 5' bush.75
MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER (B StC). 6" to 8" pure pink straight cactus. 4' bush. Early and profuse. See illustration preceding page.50
MME. JUISSANT (B IC). 6" to 8" violet shade. Petals twist and curl. 5' bush.....	.75
MELISANDE (B SC). 5" lavender. Many flowers on 5' bush....	.50
MEVR. SANDBERG (B IC). Deep dark red with lacy twisted petals. The ladies' favorite. 5'.....	.75
MIRABELLA (B StC). 6" free flowering deep mauve. Excellent cutflower. 6'.....	.75
MISS PITTSBURG (B to A StC). Attractive 6" to 8" pink on well formed 5' bush.....	.75
MITHRA (B StC). 6" bright orange with lighter center. Very flashy and always draws attention. 4' bush.....	.75
MOTHER AARTSEN (B IC). 6" spidery cactus in chamois bronze. 3' to 4' bush absolutely covered with blooms.....	.50
MRS. ANNA KLINE (A SC). 10" sulphur yellow on 5' to 6' bush. Good exhibition dahlia.....	.75
MUSTANG (A IC). 8" to 10" bright pink. Outstanding flower formation and very popular. See illustration preceding page. 5'.	.75
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION (A IC). 8" to 10" blooms of burnt orange and soft pink with lemon yellow shadings. Tall 6' bush.75
ORFEO (B IC) 6" deep glistening purple with perfect incurved form. Winner of many blue ribbons in recent dahlia shows. Unbelievably beautiful. 4' bush.....	1.00
PASTEL (B SC). 5" striking carmine pink. Very heavy blooming and a good cutflower. 4'.....	1.00
PRIDE OF HOLLAND (A StC). 8" to 10" outstanding new exhibition pink. 6'.....	1.00
PRIG (B SC). 6" scarlet with tiny gold tips. Very free flowering. A must for those who like bright colors. See illustration preceding page. 6'.....	1.50
REVERIE (B IC). 6" coral pink with primrose center. Petals twist and curl, giving it a most graceful appearance. 5'.....	1.00
RIESENWUNDER (A SC). 8" to 10" carmine pink with white to creamy yellow center. Breathtakingly beautiful in mass effects. Strong healthy 5' bush. See illustration preceding page...	1.00
RIVOLI (B IC) 6" to 8" pure yellow of fine habits. Reliable for both garden and show. See illustration on opposite page.....	1.00
ROCKET SPRAY (A SC). 8" cream base with soft shadings of shrimp pink at the ends of the petals. Very lovely. 6' bush.....	.75
ROUGE BOUQUET (B to A SC). Blended soft red with creamy base. Tall 6' bush.....	.50
ST. THERESE (B StC). 5" light pink with white center. The favorite with more people than any other cactus. A good cutflower. 4' bush.....	.75
SILVRETTA (B IC). An unusual color composed from pink, lilac and golden shades. Very fine petaled. 5' bush.....	.75
SMOKY (A IC). 8" to 10" deep mauve with a lot of bronze blended. A shade not seen in any other dahlia. Very descriptive name. 5' to 6'.....	1.00
SUNKIST (B SC). 6" pure sunkist orange on long stiff stems. One of the brightest and best dahlias of any type. 4'. See illustration on opposite page.....	1.00
TERPO (B SC). New bright red. Will make 5' stems if bush is topped. Highly rated and on many honor rolls. 6" flowers on 6' bush.	1.50
THE CARDINAL (A SC). 10" glowing red on 6' vigorous bush. Medal winner 1954 Portland Dahlia Society show. See illustration preceding page.....	1.50
TORERO (A IC). 10" flame color with tiny golden petaloids around the center. Very unusual. 5'.....	1.00
TORNADO (B IC). 6" to 8" deep orange with salmon hue. Flowers have great depth and stand out in the garden. 6' bush.....	1.00
TRAJECTUM (B StC). 6" orchid purple with silver sheen. Long wiry stems and excellent keeping qualities. See illustration opposite page. 5'.....	1.00
UTOPIA (A IC). 10" carmine pink and salmon. Petals are very fine and pointed. Pleases all the ladies. 6'.....	1.50



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• TRAJECTUM

• RIVOLI

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• SUNKIST

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VADER de LOOF (B SC). 5" deep blood red on ideal stems. First class cutflower. 6'..... .75
VAMPYR (A IC). 10" deep orange. Twisted petals give a pleasing form to the flower. Challenge Cup winner 1953. 6'..... 1.00
VICTORY MAID (B to A IC). Fine new deep blood red tipped white cactus. Always true to color. Very good exhibition variety. 5'..... 1.00
VIVIAN COPPENS (B StC). 6" silvery lilac pink. Very delicate appearing flowers. 5'..... .75
YELLOW SPECIAL (B StC). 6" sulphur yellow. Highly recommended for cutting. 3' to 4'..... .75

YELLOW SPIRAL (A SC). 8" to 10" bright yellow on exceptionally tall rank growing bush. Petals twist and curl. See illustration preceding page..... .75
YOUR LUCKY STAR (A SC). 8" to 10" clear pink with white center. Much admired dahlia. 6' bush..... .75
WILLIAM EVANS (A IC). Huge 8" to 10" flowers with orange base and slight crimson veinings. Petals twist and curl. Flowers are almost as deep as they are broad. One of the most unusual dahlias we have ever grown. 4'..... 2.00
ZENITH (B StC) 6" deep purple with reverse of petals silver. Early and free flowering. Very popular. 5' bush..... .75



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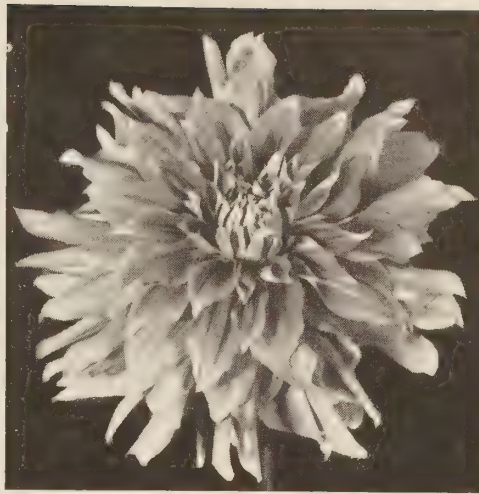
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FD—Formal Decorative; ID—Informal Decorative. A—8" or more across; B—4" to 8" across

ADIRONDACK SUNSET (A ID). 8" 10" blooms of deep orange suffused with gold. 4'.....	.75
AVALON (A FD). Free flowering clear 8" yellow on 5' bush. An old favorite.....	.50
AZURA (A ID). 12" clear lilac. Very strong 6' to 7' bush. Exhibition dahlia.....	.75
BLUE RIVER (A FD). 10" to 12" silvery lavender on 4' bush. Very popular. See illustration preceding page.....	.50
BLUE MOON (A ID). 10" to 12" lavender with purple florets in the center. 6' bush. Striking.....	.75
BLUE ROSE (A FD). 9" bluish rose color. 4' to 5' bush.....	.75
BURMA (A ID). 9" to 10" rich cinnamon on 6' bush. Very early and has an amazing number of flowers for such a large one....	2.00
BALLEGO'S GLORY (B to A FD). 7" to 9" mahogany with each petal edged in gold. 5' bush. Blue Ribbon Winner 1953 Oregon State Fair. See illustration on preceding page.....	.75
CALIFORNIA IDOL (A ID). 10" to 12" rich yellow. 3' bush. Always in demand.....	.50
CALIFORNIA ROSE (A ID). Heavy blooming 9" rose pink. 6' bush.....	.50
CAROLINE KERNOCHEN (B to A ID). 8" creamy yellow with rose red brushed to the ends of the petals. Flowers twist and curl. 6' bush.....	1.00
CHAUTAUQUA SALUTE (A ID). 9" wavy petaled blooms of glistening white on 6' to 7' bush.....	.50
CHAUTAUQUA GIANT (A FD). 10" to 12" giant orange. 4' bush.....	.75
CLARA CARDER (A ID). 12" blooms of cyclamen pink. 4' bush. See illustration on preceding page.....	.50
CLARIAM KELTON (A ID). 10" flame red with yellow. Very stately grower with long stems. Good exhibition variety.....	.75
CROYDON LILAC (A FD). 9" lavender beauty. Many flowers on 5' bush.....	.50
CROYDON MASTERPIECE (A ID). Every few years a dahlia which attracts world wide attention for outstanding qualities comes along. Such a dahlia is Croydon Masterpiece. It is widely acclaimed in America and Europe as well as in its native Australia because of its wonderful vigorous growth and the tremendous size of its flowers. The color is a very attractive orange as shown by our front cover illustration, with fine strong stems and an exceptional number of flowers per bush for a variety which grows so large. It has been an outstanding show winner every year and we recommend it without hesitation. 12" flowers on sturdy 5' bush.....	2.00
D'ARCY SAINSBURY (A FD). 10" best all 'round pure white for exhibition and cutting. Vigorous 4' bush.....	.75
D DAY (B FD). 6" to 8" pure pink cutflower. Well liked. 5' bush.....	.50
DEEP NIGHT (B to A FD). 8" dark red, almost black. Fine garden plant. 5' bush.....	.50
DEEP VELVET (B to A FD). 8" deep velvet red to near black. Outstanding dahlia. 5'.....	.75
DIXIES WINEDOT (A ID). 10" creamy white with flecks and dots of wine. A sure fire prize winner. 6' bush.....	1.50
DEUIL du ROI ALBERT (B FD). Dark purple with white tips. Very striking. 6" flower. 5'.....	.50
DOROTHY GEER (A ID). 8" pure pink. Petals curl back toward the stem giving it a distinctive appearance. 5' bush.....	.50
DUTCH PURPLE (B to A FD). 8" rich royal purple. 5' bushes literally covered with blooms during the whole season.....	.75
DUTCH RED AND WHITE (B FD). 4" to 5" dark maroon and white on very low bush. Attractive border plant. 2'.....	.50
DUTCH YELLOW (A FD). 10" clear yellow on 5' bush. New and showy.....	.75
EASTERN ECHO (B FD). 5" to 6" rose pink with deep rose stripes. A "must" for those who like bi-colors. 6' bush.....	.50
EDITH MORRELL (A ID). 10" dusty rose. Much admired in our fields. 4' bush.....	.75
F. H. ARCHER (B FD). 7" to 8" pure ball shaped lavender. 6' bush. Outstanding garden plant.....	.50
\$50 GOLD (A ID). 10" pure gold, rugged 5' bush. Exhibition dahlia.....	.75
FIVE STAR GENERAL (A FD). Very large pink blended with maize yellow. Outstanding variety. 10" to 12" blooms on 5' bush.....	1.00
FLORIST BEAUTY (B FD). 6" purple usually tipped white. 5' bush.....	.75
GALLANT FOX (B ID). 6" to 8" rich ruby red. Prolific bloomer. 4' bush.....	.50
GOLDEN ECLIPSE (A FD). 8" golden yellow. 5' bush. An old favorite.....	.50
GOLDEN LEADER (B FD). 5" to 6" pure gold cutflower on 5' bush. Ideal stems and flowers last up to a week when cut. See picture on page 2.....	.75
GOLDEN RAYS (A ID). 9" light gold blooms. Hosts of flowers on 6' bushes make it one of the showiest plants in the garden..	.50
HERBERT LEWIS (A ID). 9" golden yellow. Rugged 6' to 7' bush. Profuse bloomer.....	.50
J. K. ALEXANDER JR. (A ID). 10" crimson of startling beauty. 4' bush.....	.75
JANE COWL (A ID). 8" to 10" blooms of warm buff and old gold blending to a rich apricot at the center. An old favorite. 6'.	.50
JEAN TRIMBEE (A ID to A SC). 9" shaggy violet purple. Popular variety. 6'.....	.50
JERSEY BEAUTY (B to A FD) 7" to 9" rich pink cutflower. The "queen" of modern dahlias. Tall strong stems and a vigorous grower. 6' bush.....	.50
JOSEPHINE G (B to A SC to ID) light pink slightly tipped with silver. 5' bush.....	.50
KATHLEEN NORRIS (A ID). 10" light pink. 5' bush. Good exhibition dahlia.....	.75
KINGAKU (A ID). 10" gold from Japan on low 3' bush.....	.75
KONINGSROEM (B FD). 8" deep velvety red. 4' bush. Outstanding new Dutch variety.....	1.00
LEIDEN'S MEDAL (B FD). 6" orange yellow with white tips. Very formal petal arrangement. 4' bush. Cutflower.....	.50
LUDWIG ENTRUP (A FD). 9" white with lilac shadings. Very delicate coloring. 5' bush.....	.50
MARGARET COLE (A ID). 8" orange with yellow shadings and white tips.....	.50
MARGARET WILSON (A ID). Creamy white shaded with lilac. 4'.....	.50
MAYOR FRANK OTIS (A ID). 12" coppery bronze. Has won many prizes for "Largest Dahlia in the Show." Very distinctive form.....	.75
MICHAEL BLACK (A ID). 8" rich reddish purple. Showy garden plant. 5'.....	1.00
MISS ELSIE JANE (B ID). 6" creamy pink. Petals twist and curl, giving it a distinctive appearance. 5' bush.....	.50
MONARCH OF THE EAST (A ID). 12" pure gold. Strong stiff stems with flowers held erect. 4' bush. See illustration preceding page.....	.75
MRS. EDISON (A ID). 10" rich red with a silver reverse on the petals. The low 3' to 4' bush, covered with many flowers, makes a striking appearance in the garden.....	.75
MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTILLIER (A ID). Rich maroon red up to 13½" across. Low sturdy bush. See illustration preceding page.....	.50
NAGEL'S SENSATION (A ID). 8" to 10" salmon rose with yellow shadings. Tall 6' bush. Outstanding Belgian variety.....	.75
NAGEL'S SUPERB (A ID). 10" light creamy yellow. Petals twist and curl back to the stem giving the appearance of a huge yellow mum. Showy garden plant. 5'.....	1.00
OAKLEIGH MONARCH (A FD). 8" to 10" bright red on low 3' to 4' bush.....	.75
OGDEN REID (A FD). 10" to 12" rose flower on broad 5' bush.....	1.00
PASADENA (A ID). 8" lavender pink of very graceful formation. 6'.....	.50
PINK GIANT (A ID to SC). 10" bold, beautiful clear pink on huge 5' bushes and sturdy stems. Noted for show and decorative purposes.....	.75
PINK SUTHERLAND (A ID). 8" clear light pink. 5' stems on 7' to 8' bush.....	.75



D'ARCY SAINSBURY



RUFFLED GIANT



NAGEL'S SUPERB



KATHLEEN NORRIS

DINNERPLATE SIZE SPECIAL

ALL 5 DAHLIAS PICTURED HERE FOR

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D'ARCY SAINSBURY. White

RUFFLED GIANT. Orange buff

NAGEL'S SUPERB. Creamy yellow

KATHLEEN NORRIS. Pink

CLARIAM KELTON

Blended flame red



CLARIAM KELTON

PREMIER'S WINSOME (A FD). 12" light satin pink. Long strong stems on robust 6' bush.....	.75
PRIDE OF HAARLEM (A FD). 8" to 9" very bright red on 6' to 7' bush. Outstanding for both exhibition and the garden...	.75
RED EASTERN ECHO (B FD). Solid rose red sport of Eastern Echo. 5" to 6" flowers on 6' bush.....	.50
ROSE GLORY (A FD). 8" rich rose pink. A very reliable dahlia. 5'50
RUFFLED GIANT (A FD). 10" to 12" orange buff. Low 3' to 4' bushes are a solid mass of blooms. One of the largest.....	1.00
SAGAMORE BEAUTY (B to A ID). 8" cream and pink. The 4' bushes have a host of blooms, giving a mass effect.....	.50
SALMON RADIANCE (A ID). 10" loose wavy petaled blooms of a clear salmon. Sturdy 5' bush.....	.50
SANTA CLAUS (B to A ID). 8" orange red with white tips. Blooms early and profusely all through the season. Healthy 5' to 6' bush.....	1.00
SELLWOOD GLORY (B to A FD). 7" to 9" purple with silvery white edging on the petals. Outstanding prize winner and excellent for cutting. Everybody's favorite. 5' bush. See illustration on preceding page.....	1.50
SEPTEMBER (A ID). 8" orange gold with scarlet shadings. Magnificent coloring for autumn.....	1.00
SHERWOODS PEACH (A FD). 12" rich peach blooms on luxuriant 6' bush. Plant this one early for best results.....	.75
SNOWSTORM (B to A FD). 8" pure dazzling white. Early blooming cutflower. 6'.....	.50
SOMMERLACHEN (A ID). 8" carmine red with white tips. One of the most admired Dutch varieties. 4' bush.....	1.00
SULTAN (A ID). Very dark red 9" flowers on 4' bush. New from Europe	1.50

SUNNY HEART (B FD). A lovely dahlia with most outstanding qualities for exhibition and cutting. Color is a striking scarlet orange with bright yellow center. Very early. Reminds one of Willy den Ouden only larger and much more free flowering. One of the first to bloom of any type. 5" flowers on 6' bush.	1.50
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VELVET WONDER (A ID). 10" well formed purple. 1953 Oregon State Fair prize winner. 4' to 5'. See illustration on preceding page75
WANDA MEADE (B to A ID). 8" bright red with white tips. 4' bush. Well liked by all our visitors. See illustration on preceding page75
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Dainty MINIATURE CACTUS DAHLIAS

Each year we grow acres of these gay bright little beauties for our cut flower trade with Portland florists. They are unexcelled for bouquets and arrangements as well as being superior garden plants because of their free flowering characteristics. Average flower size 3" to 5".



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NOVELTY DAHLIAS

All of these little gems have open centered daisy-like flowers, and are wonderful for small arrangements and table decorations.

- CLAIRE DE LUNE** (Collarette). Pure sulphur yellow with creamy collar. 4'.....\$1.00
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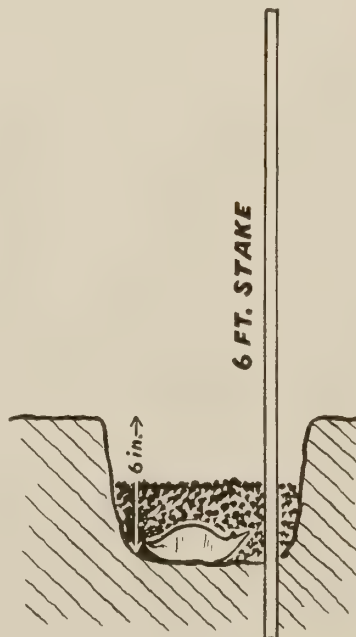
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GROWING DAHLIAS



PLANT after danger of frost. Hole about 6" deep. Set stake at planting time. Thoroughly mix in cup of bone-meal or rotted manure. Place tuber flat with sprout up. Cover lightly. Fill in as plant grows.

WATER well when you plant and give thorough soaking every week to 10 days after.

FERTILIZE with one good application of barn manure and several light applications of commercial when blooming.

CONTROL BUGS with DDT or Lindane for thrip, Leaf Hoppers, and cucumber or spotted beetle. Tobacco dust or spray for aphids. Parathion for Red Spider mites.

CUT FLOWERS late afternoon or early morning. Boil stems 90 seconds then immerse in deep water in cool place several hours before arranging.

DIG DAHLIAS late in fall, usually after frost. Lift carefully and store in cool (35° to 50°) place. Inspect monthly. If tubers shrivel, storage is too hot and dry. Mold can be controlled with ample ventilation.



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GOLDEN STATE. Rich yellow. See picture.

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JUNE DAY. Early clear pink.

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PHANTOM BEAUTY. Clear light pink with long flower head.

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HOW TO GROW GLADS

Plant in full sun. Space bulbs about 4" apart in the row or bed, and plant about 5" or 6" deep. Any good garden soil will grow glads. Rotted manure is desirable at the bottom of the hole with a little dirt between this and the bulb, or a side dressing of commercial fertilizer (3-10-10) will do. Water well during growing period. Use 5% DDT or 1% Lindane dust or spray for control

of thrip. Apply every 2 or 3 weeks during growing period. The bulbs you receive have been treated for thrip but it is essential that you dust during the growing period as this insect can drift in. Dig bulbs in fall after flowers are gone and foliage has turned brown. Dry for 2 to 3 weeks, remove old corn, and store in cool, dry place.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS--Color Unlimited



HARDY ENGLISH CHRYSANTHEMUMS

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English mums have been gaining more in popularity for the last several years than any other type because of their early blooming habit and large flowers. With disbudding and proper feeding flowers 5" to 6" across can readily be had. Without disbudding flowers will still be substantially larger than those of other standard types. The plants in this well balanced selection are all grown from outdoor raised stock and will delight the connoisseur as well as the beginner.

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Red Pink Gold White Yellow Bronze

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CUSHION MUMS

HOW TO GROW CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Rooted cuttings such as you receive when you order any of the mums offered on these two pages will develop better plants and produce nicer flowers than undivided clumps grown from year to year. They like rich soil and good drainage is imperative, as it is for practically all flowers. A mixture of sand, leaf mold, and rotted manure is ideal, but any material which will loosen the soil is satisfactory. (If sawdust is used be sure to add nitrogen.)

On cushion mums pinch out the top of the plant after it is well established to aid in inducing branching. On the other types pinching and disbudding is more or less optional although it is, of course, necessary if you wish maximum flower size. Plant in full sun for best results. If used as a border plant along the house a southern or western exposure will give much better results than if they are planted on the east or north sides.

SWAN ISLAND DAHLIAS

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Place tubers on moist peat to start them; when top growth is 2 to 3 inches high, transplant to pots or beds under trees or in partial shade. A good soil mixture: 1/3 manure, 1/3 coarse sand, 1/3 leaf mold or peat moss. When blooming is finished dry off, dig and store in dry peat. Tubers may be used over and over again.

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Ideal for borders or beds.

Bulbs are 1" to 1 1/4" in diameter and will bloom this year.

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SPOON CHRYSANTHEMUMS

These delightful mums remind one somewhat of a cactus dahlia except that the ends of the tubular petal flattens out into a tiny spoon. They are uniquely artistic and especially delightful for flower arrangements. In some varieties the spoon is the same color as the tube and in others there will be a variation in shade. Bushes average 3' to 4' in height.

PINK	YELLOW	WHITE
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POMPON DAHLIAS



JOE FETTE, White — YELLOW GEM, Yellow
PURPLE GEM, Dark red — AMBER QUEEN, Gold — HELEN ANITA, Pink, White Dot
BETTY ANN, Pink — ALICE, Bright red

1 ea. of 7 varieties pictured above \$2.25 (Reg. val. \$2.80)

These dainty pompon or button dahlias are admired everywhere for their outstanding qualities as cutflowers. They produce a profusion of blooms averaging 1½" in diameter on long, strong stems and will last for days when cut. A bouquet of these bright little flowers will add a cheerful touch to your home.

STRONG HEALTHY TUBERS 40c EACH

- ALICE. Bright red. See illustration. 4' to 5'.
ALL BRIGHT. Brilliant orange red. Outstanding. 5'-6'.
AMBER QUEEN. Rich amber. See illustration. 4'.
BETTY ANN. Very delicate pink. See illustration. 3'-4'.
CELESTIA. A tiny pure white. 4' to 5'.
CHALLENGE. Maroon and white. 3' to 4'.
DORIA. Very dark maroon. Blends well when used with soft shades of pink. 3'.
ELOISE. A beautiful blend of fuchsia purple. 5' to 6'.
HAZEL DELL. Light pink. 5' to 6'.
HELEN ANITA. Lavender pink with white dot in center. See illustration. 3' to 4'.
JOANNA PETTIT. Glowing salmon pink. 5' to 6'.
JOE FETTE. Best white. See illustration. 5' to 6'.
LAURIE. Soft cream. 5'.
LIBBY ROHR. Wine purple. 5' to 6'.
LITTLE DOVE. Rosy orchid. 3' to 4'.
MIKE. Orange red. Low bush. 3'.
MARY MUNNS. Orchid lavender. 4' to 5'.
MINNIE MELLIS. Rosy mottled pink. 4' to 5'.
MORNING MIST. White with soft orchid blush. 4'-5'.
PATRICIA K. Light lavender. 4' to 5'.
PEGGY ANN. Orange. 6'.
PRIDE. Low growing rich maroon. Profuse bloomer. 3'.
PURPLE GEM. Dark reddish purple. See illustration. 3'.
RED EYE. Gold with a red eye. 4' to 5'.
REGULUS. Deep violet purple. Exhibition pompon. 4'.
ROSA WILMOTH. Light rose pink. 2' to 3'.
SHEILA. Lovely blend of red and yellow. 4' to 5'.
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YELLOW GEM. Canary yellow. See illustration. 4' to 5'.
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BALL DAHLIAS

These old favorites are still popular today. The blooms are similar to the pompon dahlias illustrated above but are from 3" to 6" across.

A. D. LIVONI. Clear pink. 2' to 3'... \$.40	DAINTIBALL. Rosy lavender. 4'.... .40
BONNIE BLUE. Silvery lavender. 4'. .40	SNOW QUEEN. Glistening white. 6'. .40
CALIFORNIA SCARLET. Brilliant scarlet. 5'40	TIPPY. Golden yellow. 6'..... .40
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